

New Boston Town Center

Working Group Meeting #4

May 21, 2008



New Boston Town Center Project

Agenda

- Introduction (Tim)
- Review Vision Statement (Tim)
- Preliminary Study Alternatives (Bill)
- Discuss Alternative Screening Criteria (Tim/Bill)
- Low Cost Short Term Improvements (Bill)
- Assignments (Tim)

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

“A collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.”

Consensus

“Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees, but that the principal groups and individuals can live with a proposal.”

Vision Statement

A statement of desired characteristics of a place at a specific time. This statement should address transportation goals and may include other community and environmental goals related to the transportation corridor as well.



Developing a Vision

- Include Transportation Needs
- Include Community Values or Aspirations
- Include Scenic, Aesthetic, Historic and Environmental Values and Goals



Problem Statement



*Consensus
Reached*

The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston is no longer adequate for the increased volume of local and through traffic (commercial/residential); the range of users; multiple modes of travel; and land use patterns. The layout of the transportation infrastructure and increased volume of traffic negatively impact the safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability, and rural character of the Village. There is a lack of safe contiguous well-defined facilities for those wishing to access the area's business, recreational, institutional, and historical resources.

Vision Statement



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The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston will adequately accommodate a range of multi-modal traffic, users and land use patterns. The layout of the transportation infrastructure will enhance safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability and the rural character of the Village. A system of safe, contiguous and well-defined facilities will be available for those wishing to access and utilize the area's businesses, recreational, institutional and historic resources.

Preliminary Study Alternatives

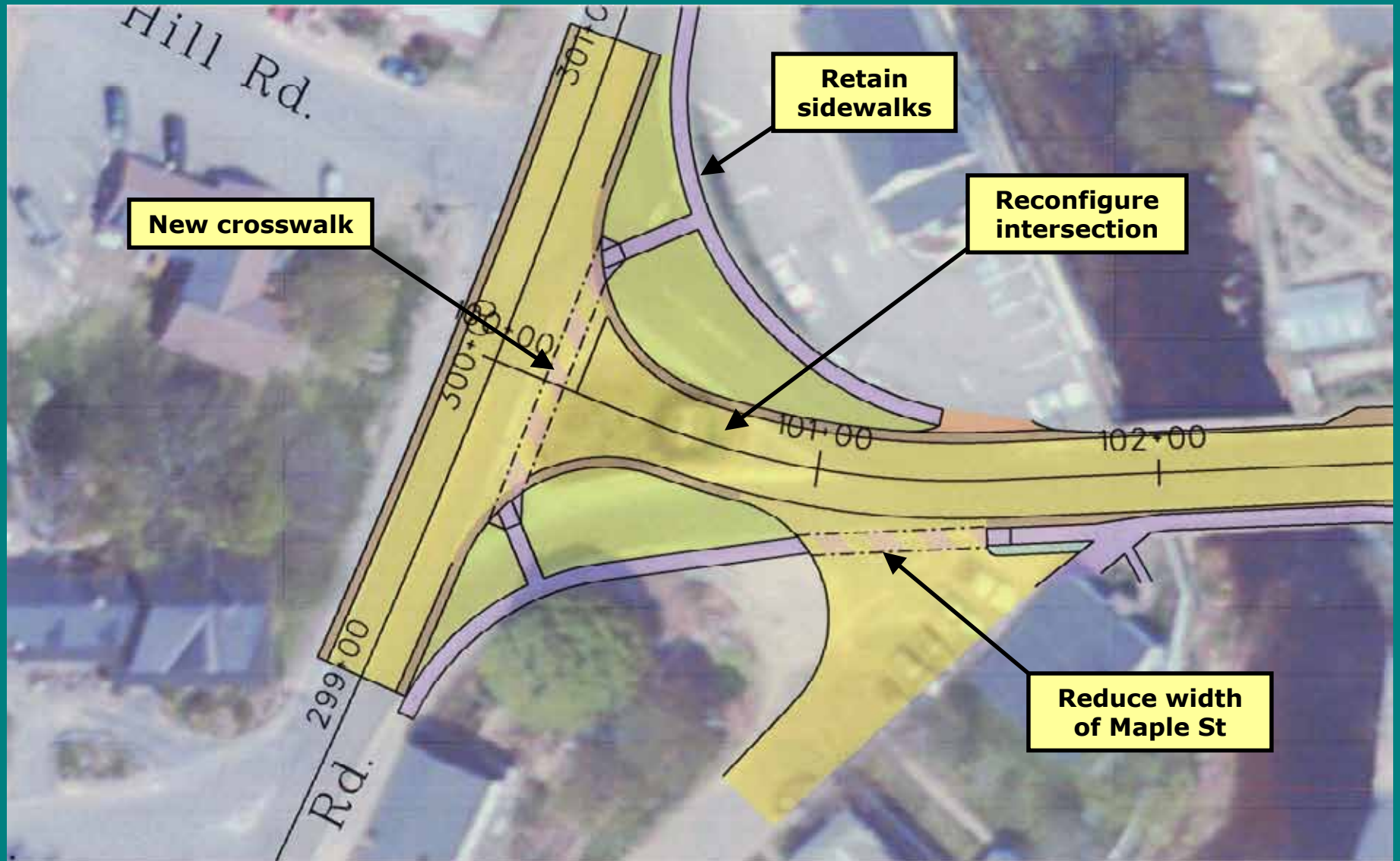
- Intersection of NH 13/High Street
 - Old Coach Road and Clark Road
- Bridge Width
- Intersection of NH 13/ Meetinghouse Hill Rd./ Mill St.
 - Better Definition
- Sidewalks and Crosswalks
- Parking (Dodge's Store, Town Hall, etc...)

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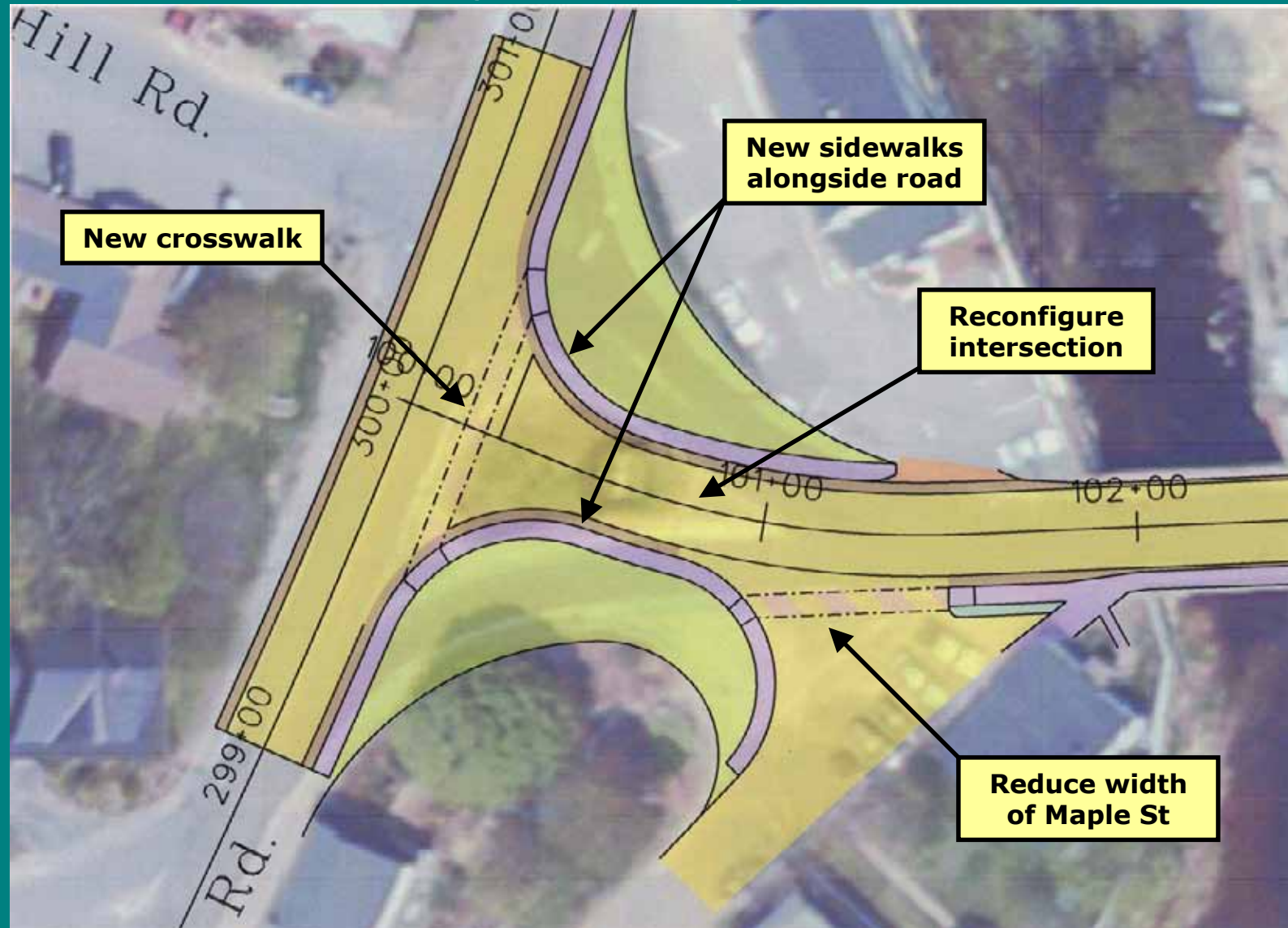


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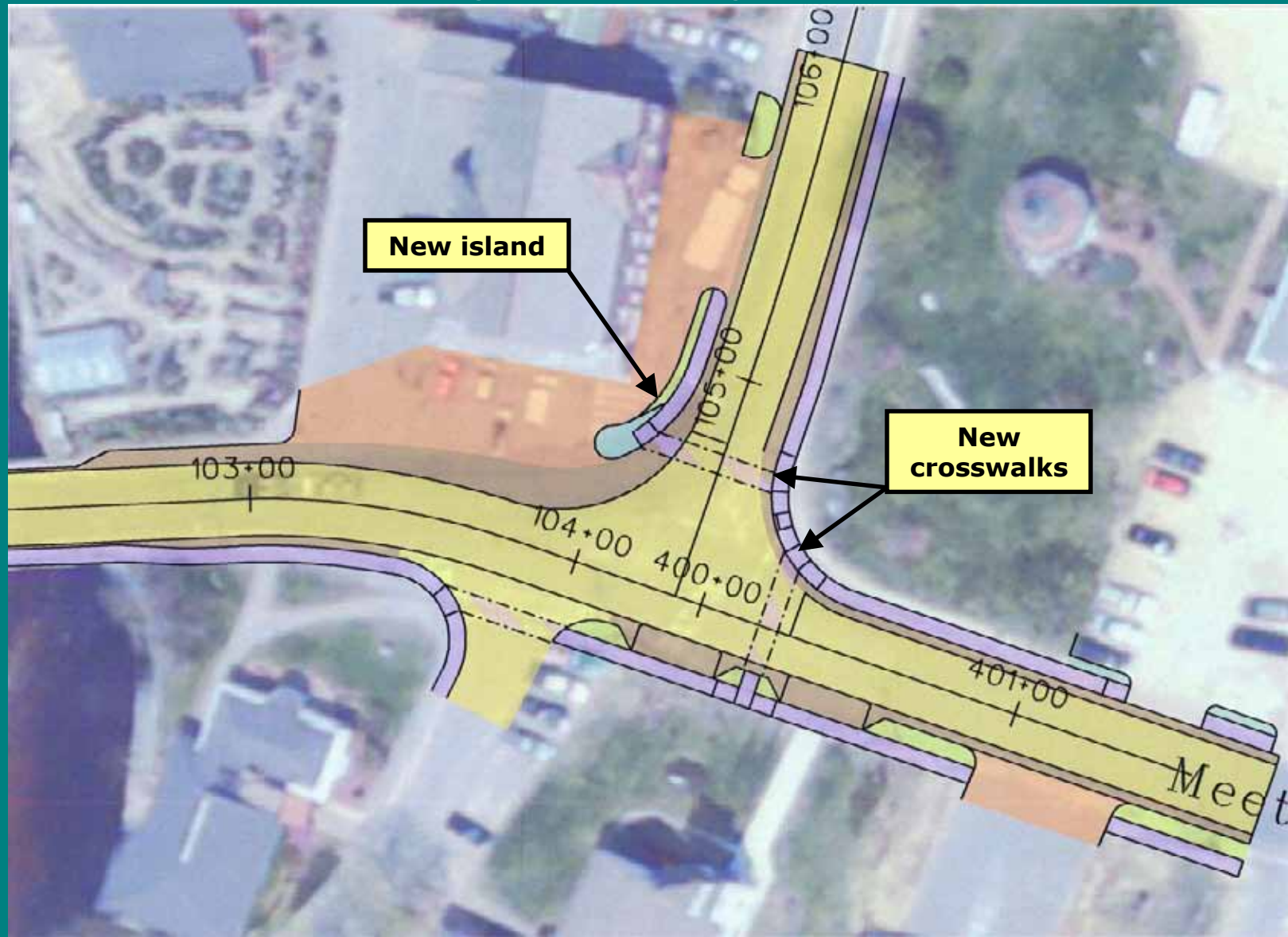
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Alternative Screening Criteria

- What criteria will be used to determine if an alternative is acceptable or not
 - Property Impacts
 - Cost
 - Impacts to community
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Addresses the Problem Statement

Low Cost Improvements

Results of the Placemaking Workshop
New Boston Town Center
November 17, 2007

Possible Low-Cost Short-Term Improvements

Location 1: Intersection of High Street/Mont Vernon Road/Clark Hill Road and Old Coach Road

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- No Entry sign at bank exit
- Clean brush at foot of Old Coach Road
- Place flowers around New Boston sign
- Stop sign or other traffic calming measure at bottom of High Street
- Police enforcement of speed & noise on 13 approaching town
- Mirror

Location 2: River Road in and Around the Bridge over the Piscataquog River

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Crosswalks (2) one at each end of bridge under street lights
- Landscape
- ADA compliant
- Signs-parking

Location 3: Intersection Area of River Road and Meetinghouse Hill Road

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Benches, trash receptacles

Location 4: Area of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Mill Street intersection

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Crosswalk near firehouse
- Control speed on Meetinghouse Road
- Sidewalks past/present/future
- Signage
- Info "kiosk"
- Restrooms
- Improve town hall park
 - Greener
 - One way east
 - Move handicap parking space

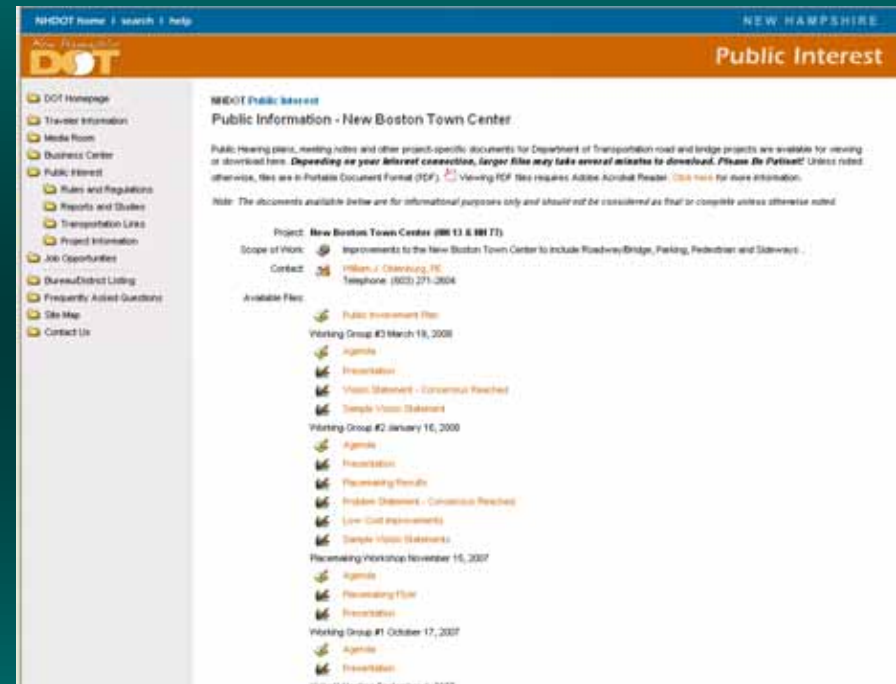
Stakeholder Outreach

- Public Involvement Plan

- Introduction
- Project Background
- Project Team
- Project Process
- Working Group
- Communication

- Project Website

- www.nh.gov/dot/projects/newboston/index.htm



Next Working Group Meeting

Working Group Meeting # 5

Wednesday July 16, 2008

New Boston Town Hall

Assignments

1. Think about what criteria you will use to determine if an alternative is acceptable or not.
2. Think about when is the best time to have a public meeting to discuss the concepts.